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degree, or collegiate school of nursing as defined in section 853 of the Act and who is currently licensed to practice nursing.

Project period means the total time for which support for a project has been approved, as specified in the grant award document.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

State means, in addition to the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

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§ 57.2503 Eligibility.

(a) *Eligible applicants.* To be eligible for a grant under this subpart the applicant shall:

- (1) Be a public or private nonprofit collegiate school of nursing.
- (2) Be located in a State.

(b) *Eligible projects.* A grant under this subpart may be made to an eligible applicant to meet the cost of:

(1) A project to plan, develop, and operate an advanced nurse education program. The planning period of this project is limited to 1 year. The project must enroll students before the end of the project period;

(2) A project to significantly expand an advanced nurse education program through one or more of the following activities:

(i) The addition to the masters' or doctoral program of a new clinical, research, or functional (administration or teaching) specialty area,

(ii) A planned increase in student enrollment during the project period, or

(iii) The addition of a new educational site for the program; or

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§ 57.2504 Application.

(a) Each eligible applicant desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application in the form and at such time as the Secretary may prescribe.

(b) The application shall be signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant and to assume on behalf of the applicant the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of any award, including the regulations of this subpart.

(c) In addition to other pertinent information which the Secretary may require, an application for a grant under this subpart shall contain:

(1) A proposal for a project to:

- (i) Plan, develop, and operate; or
- (ii) Significantly expand an advanced nurse education program;

(2) Information documenting the need for the proposed project;

(3) A description of specific attainable and measurable objectives for the proposed project consistent with the purposes of section 821 of the Act;

(4) A detailed plan for achieving and measuring the stated objectives of the proposed project;

(5) A description of the anticipated impact of the proposed project, including its potential contribution to nursing;

(6) Evidence satisfactory to the Secretary that the applicant will have available adequate resources for the conduct of the proposed project, including adequate faculty, staff, equipment, facilities, and an appropriate clinical practice setting or settings;

(7) A detailed budget for the proposed project and a justification of the amount of grant funds requested;

(8) A description of any Federal financial support related to the proposed project which the applicant is currently receiving;

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(9) A detailed timetable for carrying out the activities of the proposed project, including any plans for continuing activities beyond the project period;

(10) A description of the background and qualifications of the project staff and any proposed consultants;

(11) Information concerning the source and number of potential students for the education program and a description of plans, if any, to encourage graduates of the education program to practice in States in need of nurses prepared in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(12) A plan to sustain the project beyond the period during which Federal assistance is available; and

(13) A plan to attract and retain a higher than average number of minority and financially needy students.

(d) In the case of a project to significantly expand an advanced nurse education program, the application shall contain an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that the applicant will expend, in carrying out the program for which a grant under this subpart is sought, an amount of non-Federal funds (excluding costs of construction) at least as great as the average amount of non-Federal funds (excluding expenditures of a nonrecurring nature, including costs of construction) expended for this purpose during the 3 fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought.

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§ 57.2505 Project requirements.

(a) A project supported under this subpart shall be conducted in accordance with its approved application.

(b) A project supported under this subpart shall enroll professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, or students who will be professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, at or prior to completion of the advanced nurse education program.

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§ 57.2506 Evaluation and grant awards.

(a) *Evaluation.* Within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary, after consultation with the Council, may award grants to those applicants whose projects will, in his or her judgment, best promote the purposes of section 821 of the Act, taking into consideration among other pertinent factors:

(1) The need for the proposed project including, with respect to projects to provide education in professional nursing specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education:

(i) The current or anticipated need for professional nurses educated in the specialty; and

(ii) The relative number of programs offering advanced education in the specialty;

(2) The need for nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided in the State in which the education program is located, as compared with the need for these nurses in other States;

(3) The degree to which the applicant proposes to recruit students from States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided, and to promote their return to these States following education;

(4) The degree to which the applicant proposes to encourage graduates to practice in States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(5) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the educational purposes of section 821 of the Act and this subpart;

(6) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(7) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and

(8) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the period of grant support; and

(9) The degree to which the applicant proposes to attract, retain and graduate minority and financially needy students.

(b) *Funding preference.* In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the